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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 March 2008 and 27 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 65-75 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 65-75 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/02)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed 6/27/08 in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's amendment and remarks filed 3/27/08 have been entered.
2. Claims 65-75 are pending.
3. In view of Applicant's amendments the previous rejections, parts A) and D), under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 have been withdrawn.
4. Claims 65 and 71 are objected to; in the last line of the claims "CH1b" should presumably be "anti-CD1b".
5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claims 65-75 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as the specification does not contain a written description of the claimed invention, in that the disclosure does not reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s) had possession of the claimed invention at the time the application was filed. This is a new matter rejection.

As set forth previously, The specification and the claims as originally filed do not provide support for the invention as now claimed, specifically:

- B) The method of Claims 65, 71, and 76 comprising:
... c. performing a morphological analysis to demonstrate the presence of dendritic processes in cells of the culture,
- C) The method of Claim 65 and 71 comprising:

... d. performing flow cytometric analysis to demonstrate an immunophenotype of dendritic Langerhans type cells in cells of the culture.

Regarding B), Applicant cites paragraphs 54, 30 and 31 (presumably of the pre-grant publication) and Figure 1C.

The cites refer to a specific example (Example 6) of producing human Langerhans cells by a specific method comprising more specific steps than are recited in the claims. Said cite cannot support the more generic claims as are instantly recited.

Regarding C), Applicant cites paragraphs 50 and 51 (again, presumably of the pre-grant publication).

The cites are again from Example 6 wherein cytometric analysis is performed on human Langerhans cells employing specific antibodies. Said cite cannot support the more generic claims as are instantly recited.

Applicant argues that the rejections should be withdrawn in view of the new amendments.

A review of the instant amendments shows that Applicant has inserted more of the limitations found only in Example 6 of the specification into parts c. and d. of Claims 65 and 71. A review of the Example reveals, however, that it discloses only a method of generating human dendritic Langerhans cells from human peripheral blood monocytes. Accordingly, this constitutes the introduction of additional new matter into Claim 65. Additionally, the Example is limited to a method employing only autologous platelets in RPMI-1640 medium with or without 2% fetal calf serum. Accordingly, this constitutes the introduction of additional new matter into Claim 71. So while some of these limitations are recited in some of the claims, all of the limitations are recited in none of the claims.

7. No claim is allowed.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Gerald Ewoldt whose telephone number is (571) 272-0843. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen O'Hara, Ph.D. can be reached on (571) 272-0878.

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